ABSTRACT

PROCESS FOR PREPARING ORGANIC HYDROPEROXIDE CONTAINING PRODUCT

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Process for preparing alkylaryl hydroperoxide containing product, which process comprises:

- (a) oxidation of an alkylaryl compound to obtain reaction product containing alkylaryl hydroperoxide,
- (b) contacting with water at least part of the alkylaryl hydroperoxide containing reaction product obtained in step (a) which reaction product contains less than 0.05 %wt of sodium,
- 15 (c) separating the product of step (b) into a hydrocarbonaceous phase containing alkylaryl hydroperoxide and an aqueous phase,
 - (d) optionally repeating process steps (b) and (c) one or more times,
- (e) contacting at least part of the hydrocarbonaceous phase containing alkylaryl hydroperoxide obtained in step (c) or (d) with olefin and catalyst to obtain alkylaryl hydroxide and oxirane compound, and
- (f) separating at least part of the oxirane compound from the alkylaryl hydroxide.